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Temporary Change to Mail Processing at Fox Lake Correctional Institution
Recent medical emergencies related to synthetic cannabinoids prompted the change

(Fox Lake, Wis.) – Fox Lake Correctional Institution (FLCI) is making temporary changes to its mail policy due to serious health concerns related to the trafficking of dangerous, illegal substances into the facility.

DOC has noted 33 separate instances in less than two months related to synthetic cannabinoids like K2. These incidents have included violent, assaultive behavior that puts both FLCI staff and persons in our care at unacceptable risk.

The primary source of the substances is incoming mail. As a response, FLCI is instituting a pilot process aimed at keeping synthetic cannabinoids out of the institution.

Beginning April 9 and continuing until further notice, the institution will be photocopying all incoming personal mail and providing photocopies of the contents - envelopes, letters, cards, photos, artwork, etc. - to the persons in our care at FLCI. The original mail will then be returned to sender through April 23. After that date, mailed items will be photocopied for delivery to the recipient and the originals shredded.

“I do understand and appreciate the fact that most of you would not engage in the consumption of a poisonous and potentially deadly substance,” Warden Michael Meisner said in a memo sent to persons in DOC care at FLCI. “It’s unfortunate that a small number of individual have chosen to risk their lives and, at the same time, jeopardize the well-being of others.”

Persons in our care at FLCI have been notified of these changes, and encouraged to inform family and friends who may be sending them mail.

This pilot process will not be applied to clearly-identified legal mail.

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